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*Dhanushkodi.*

(1) Elgin, (2) Curzon and (3) Hardinge [These ferry steamers ply daily between Dhanushkodi and Talaimannar (a distance of 22 miles) connecting the South Indian Railway and the Ceylon Government Railway. The journey is of two hours' duration. The number of emigrants varied from 1 on a holiday to 624, the average for each day being 205 exclusive of an equal number of labourers who went over as non-emigrants. The total number of passengers who went by this route is not known.]

*Tuticorin*—Nil.

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## APPENDIX IX.

[Vide answer to question No. 122 asked by Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 19th August 1925, page 186 supra.]

Letter from the Chief Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, dated the 27th March 1925, Ref. No. 673/25-3.

[*Reference.*—Government Memorandum No. 3201/24-1, dated 30th January 1925, Legislative Council Question No. 1398—Further report.]

I submit a copy of the District Forest Officer's report on the subject which shows that it i not possible to convert the three blocks into one. The District Forest Officer suggests that the two blocks in the South Vellore division may be combined into one block. The District Forest Officer's proposals are supported by the Collector of North Arcot and the Conservators of Forests, III and IV Circles. I agree with them and shall issue instructions accordingly on receipt of orders of Government.

### ENCLOSURE

Copy of report from the District Forest Officer, North Vellore, dated the 26th February 1925—Legislative Council question—Melarasampet village.

With reference to the above, I beg to report that so far as North Vellore division is concerned, the grazing block situated near Melarasampet village is the Karuthamalai grazing block which is separated from the grazing block of South Vellore division by the common boundary between Karuthamalai and Arasampet reserved forests running along the Madikam Ar (also called Kovilmalai Ar).

2. I have consulted the South Vellore District Forest Officer and learn from him that there are two grazing units adjoining Melarasampet village—one in Santavasal Range and the other in Polur Range of his division. They are separated from each other by a small stream locally known as Anaimaduvu Kanar.

3. There will be no possibility of mistaking the one grazing block of North Vellore division for any of South Vellore division if the Madigam Ar, which is at least 33 yards wide throughout, is fixed as the common boundary between the two grazing blocks.

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4. As regards the suggestion made by the hon. Member that all the three blocks might be combined to go into one Range, I may point out that, so far as North Vellore division is concerned, this suggestion would involve the transfer of the whole of Karuthamalai block to South Vellore division—a very inconvenient distribution of forests to both officers concerned. It is not also practicable to combine the three grazing blocks into one as it would be very difficult then to arrive at a correct estimate of the grazing revenue adjustable to each district.

5. The District Forest Officer, South Vellore, thinks that if the suggestion on the other hand is to combine the respective grazing block in Santavasal and Polur Ranges only, he would have no serious objection to combining them to afford greater grazing facilities.

6. There is extensive grazing ground outside reserved forest in Melarasampet village and it is only fair that the ryots who have occasion to send their cattle to Reserved Forests too, besides, should exercise some care to restrict their cattle to the particular grazing block for which they have taken out permits. By combining the two grazing blocks of South Vellore division into one and by making the Madikam Ar the common boundary between the grazing blocks of North and South Vellore Forest divisions the grazing blocks in either division will be easily distinguishable and as water facilities exist in forests of both the divisions there will be no excuse whatever for allowing cattle to stray from one block for which they have taken out permits to another in which these same permits do not entitle them to graze.

## Appendix X.

[Vide answer to question No. 130 asked by Mr. J. A. Saldanha at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 19th August 1925, page 191 supra.]

*Statement showing the names of members with their qualifications.*

| Serial number and names of the other members. | Qualifications. |
|---|---|
| (1) Mr. A. Devappa Punja .. | Retired Tahsildar and landlord, B.A., B.L. |
| (2) ,, A. Rama Rao .. | Retired Deputy Superintendent of Telegraphs. |
| (3) ,, M. Achuthayya .. | Retired Huzur Sarishtadar. |
| (4) ,, M. Muhammad Khan Sahib Bahadur. | Retired Sub-Magistrate and landlord. |
| (5) ,, B. Parameshwara .. | Retired Sub-Magistrate. |
| (6) ,, George Lobo .. | Retired Jailor and landlord. |
| (7) ,, H. Koragappa .. | Merchant and landlord. |
| (8) ,, N. Shrinivasa Rao .. | Coffee merchant. |
| (9) ,, M. Narayana Kini .. | Do. |
| (10) ,, Joseph V. Alvares .. | Merchant. |
| (11) ,, S. E. Aiman .. .. | Do. |
| (12) ,, K. Ramaya Hegde .. | Merchant and landlord. |
| (13) ,, P. Abbunhi Beari .. | Merchant. |
| (14) ,, S. Amrita Rao .. | Landlord. |